



# **COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**

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### **Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)**

**SITUATION REPORT #2**  
**0800 hours, 13 August 04**

#### **SITUATION:**

As of 0500 EDT reported from the National Weather Service remnants of Tropical Storm Bonnie will move through Virginia today with moderate rain forecasted for the Southeastern portion of the state. Hurricane Charley is expected to move farther westward through Central Virginia beginning Saturday evening. Precipitation projections indicate a three-day total of 2-8 inches of rain for most of the Commonwealth with the possibility of local riverine, flash flooding, tornado activity and Tropical Storm force winds. Wind gusts present a threat for downed trees and power lines.

#### **WEATHER:**

The weather systems moving through Virginia are expected to affect most of the state. Hurricane Charley is expected to begin to impact the area Saturday with heavy rain and possible Tropical Storm force winds 40-50mph. Ground saturation continues to be a problem and may contribute to downed trees and power outages.

#### **EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS:**

- The City of Danville declared a local emergency and opened its EOC at 1830 hours in response to reports of damages caused by a possible tornado in the vicinity of Riverside Drive. Preliminary reports indicate major damage concentrated in the Central and Southside portions of the City, debris damaged reported in the Forest Hill area, to several commercial buildings and to George Washington High School and Langston Focus Center.
- Local assessment teams will examine the damages today
- Local CERT team to assist with damage assessments

#### **Impact on Individuals:**

- 15-20 reported with minor injuries
- 1600 customers without power
- All major roads passable in the city, secondary roads and streets closed due to debris and high water
- American Red Cross sheltered two families in local motel
- Two reported water lines broken in a residential and commercial area

## **ON GOING STATE ACTIONS**

- Department of Health has put District and Regional Teams on alert and checking communications equipment
- State Corporation Commission has contacted all state utilities to determine their preparatory actions
- State Police is contacting staff to make sure staffing is adequate for weekend
- American Red Cross has volunteers and Emergency Response Vehicles on standby. The Hurricane Watch Team will be operational at 1000 hours today.

## **PROJECTED STATE ACTIONS**

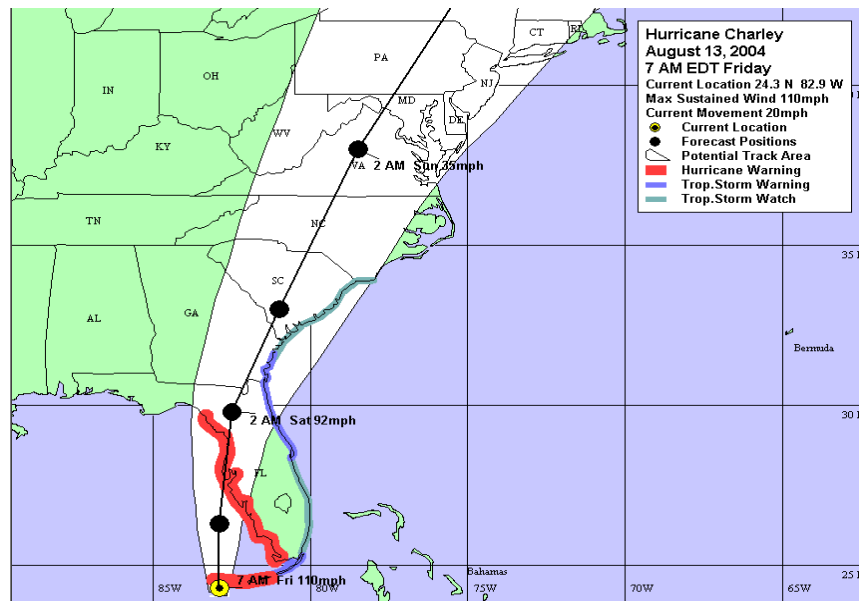
- Virginia Emergency Operations Center at Readiness Level 1 – affects of a tropical system expected within 24 hours.
- All agencies of the Virginia Emergency Response Team are reviewing plans and alerting appropriate staff.
- Additional VDEM staff are in place at the VEOC and remaining through the weekend.
- The VEOC is conducting conference calls with state agencies daily. VEOC is participating in regional conference calls with FEMA and neighboring states. Joint VEOC-NWS conference calls with local governments will be conducted today.

## **STATE PRIORITIES:**

- Citizen safety and welfare
- Aggressive pursuit of providing resources to local governments
- Continuous communication with localities
- Collection and evaluation of Preliminary Damage Assessments
- Emergency public information

## **PROJECTED TRACK OF HURRICANE CHARLEY**

- See map below



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